

MINUTES
Town of Crested Butte
Regular Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Mayor Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Council Members Present: Will Dujardin, Chris Haver, Jason MacMillan, and Jasmine Whelan

Mallika Magner and Mona Merrill were present on Zoom for the regular meeting and on a conference call for Executive Session.

Staff Present: Town Manager Dara MacDonald, Town Attorney John Sullivan, and Community Development Director Troy Russ

Public Works Director Shea Earley, Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Director Janna Hansen, Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Supervisor Joey Carpenter, Finance Director Rob Zillioux, and Town Planner I Pat Church (for part of the meeting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dujardin moved and Haver seconded a motion to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." Merrill did not vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schmidt read the reason for Executive Session: for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b).

Whelan moved and MacMillan seconded a motion to go into Executive Session for those reasons. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." Merrill did not vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Council went into Executive Session at 6:34PM. The Council returned to open meeting at 7:18PM. Mayor Schmidt made the required announcement upon returning to open meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1) July 19, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes.
Staff Contact: Town Clerk Lynelle Stanford

2) Award of Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

Staff Contact: Public Works Director Shea Earley

Haver moved and MacMillan seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

David J. Rothman - 17 Maroon Avenue

- He read a letter from a group of concerned full-time residents and property owners that live on or near First Street between Elk and Maroon.
- They had seen a disproportionate amount of speed and volume of traffic in the neighborhood since the changes on Elk.
- They asked for the same traffic calming measures that were on Maroon, Sopris, and Whiterock, including enforcement of speed limits.
- He read the names of the people who signed the letter.

Bob Kauffman - 15 7th Street

- He objected dramatically to the empty house tax for second homeowners.

Tim Szurgot - From Wildbird

- He wanted to speak regarding the proposed changes to Gunnison County's land use regulations.
- He asked the Town Council to have a discussion and take a position on home size in unincorporated Gunnison County. Changes would have impacts on wildlife, water quality, and view sheds.

Will Edwards - Represented Beth Carter who lives on Butte Avenue

- He asked for an update on looking at deed restrictions in place in the Town of Crested Butte that were not compliant with HUD to allow financing and refinancing of HUD mortgages.
- Schmidt directed him to Troy Russ.

STAFF UPDATES

- MacDonald added two updates:
 - There was an email from Joni Reynolds on the uptick of COVID cases. There would be a call on Thursday afternoon. Gunnison County was in a worse position locally than they had been for some time.
 - She had been communicating with Senator Bennet's office, and communications had been favorable for inclusion of the Mt. Emmons withdrawal area. Their staff was working with the mining company concerning boundary lines. Senator Bennet's office asked for letters from entities, on which the Council was agreeable to the Mayor signing.

- The Post Office was a low burner issue. Senator Bennet's office drafted a letter to the Federal Post Office indicating they were not satisfied with the lack of response. They were asking to set up calls with each town.
- Schmidt asked about the tunnel at Lake Irwin. Earley reported geo tech work and surveying were happening.
- Earley updated on the issue with the water meter that recorded the flow going into Town. A flood occurred, and it fried the meter. The meter would be fixed in the upcoming months, as it was regulatory, and the cost would be significant. A bypass would have to be installed to keep water flowing to Town while work was completed.
- Schmidt questioned whether there had been issues with the RV dump station. Earley thought that overall it was working well. Earley explained the complaints were from neighbors rather than users.
- Schmidt asked about pickleball. Hansen reported that people were using and enjoying the court at Big Mine.
- Schmidt confirmed sales tax had gone up 46% compared to 2019 and that RETT went up significantly, too.
- Stanford mentioned the informational session for Council and Mayor candidates taking place on Thursday, August 12th.
- Hansen identified there had been impacts to parks and trails due to the rain. There was substantial water at the bike and skate parks.

LEGAL MATTERS

Sullivan let the Council know that Barbara Green and/or Jo Seavy would attend the September 7th meeting.

Magner reminded she asked for Sullivan's opinion regarding a conflict of interest with the short-term rental discussion. Sullivan confirmed she did not have a conflict of interest, and he outlined the reasons.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) Ordinance No. 13, Series 2021 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Creating a New Land Use Definition of Employee Dwelling and Amending Articles 1, 5 and 16 of Chapter 16 of the Town Code.

Staff Contact: Community Development Director Troy Russ

Schmidt read the title of the ordinance. He confirmed proper public notice had been given. Russ stated the ordinance was the result of the applicant's request to modify the zoning code. Russ explained the amendments requested by the applicant. Russ reminded the Council they heard the request and forwarded it to BOZAR. Staff and BOZAR supported modifying the whole (Town) Code to allow one-bedroom deed restricted units to have only one parking space. Schmidt was concerned about changing the requirement to one parking space per unit. Whelan asked about the applicability to the one-bedroom units that would be built at 6th and Butte. She thought the proposal paved the way to

make the density at 6th and Butte work. Dujardin appreciated the efforts that brought the ordinance before the Council. He identified that communities were recognizing the importance of giving up parking for housing. MacMillan would choose housing over parking right now.

Schmidt asked for comments from the public. There were none, and he closed the public hearing.

Schmidt informed the Council he would be voting against approving the ordinance because he thought the parking was unrealistic.

Whelan moved and Dujardin seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 13, Series 2021. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," except for Schmidt, who voted "No." **Motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

1) Appointments to the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Staff Contact: Community Development Director Troy Russ

Pat Church explained that the Council would make appointments and would interview people for the task force. He outlined the make up and goals of the task force. Church listed the recruited stakeholder members: Jeremy Herzog, Crockett Farnell, Ian Billick, Kate Guibert, Kent Cowherd, and Beth Goldstone. Also, Staff received applications for at-large positions. Staff recommended Jessica Wellborn be appointed as the sole in Town applicant, and there were three candidates that were North Valley residents.

Jessica Wellborn

- She introduced herself and reviewed her time and career in the valley.
- She could professionally and personally bring experience to the task force.
- Whelan asked about her lessons learned in financing deed restricted homes.

Wendi Birchler

- She owned a home in CB South.
- She explained her career change to become an elementary school teacher.
- She reviewed work she had done as a landscape architect and land planner.
- She welcomed the opportunity to work towards housing solutions.
- Whelan asked if she had new ideas to bring forward. Birchler thought the task force needed to look at different types of housing. There were not enough rental properties that were protected from being sold.

Bryan Phillips

- He and his wife had had issues with housing.
- He agreed with Schmidt about parking.
- He started out in real estate in Missouri.
- He dealt with a lot of municipalities in his career.

- He currently worked at Vail Resorts.
- Whelan asked Phillips whether he had any out of the box ideas. Phillips said a decision had to be made on where housing needed to be. Rental properties had to be protected and affordable.
- Schmidt questioned whether Phillips had inroads with Vail.

Molly Eldridge

- She was now a realtor.
- She thought they needed to consider having someone on the task force who dealt with housing, land, and building in the area.
- She and her husband bought a home. She thought it was sad that young families could not do the same.
- She had insight from many perspectives.
- First and foremost, she was a problem solver. She prided herself on looking at problems logically rather than emotionally.
- Whelan asked if she had any new, fresh ideas. Eldridge thought down payment assistance would be a huge benefit. There would be people who would not own homes. The biggest concern was rentals.
- Dujardin asked if Eldridge could ballpark sales that were going to people living here full-time. He was interested in her experiences with short-term rental restrictions and affordable/attainable housing.

Magner recused herself from the vote in appointing task force members. Dujardin asked about the task force in relation to the Council election. The Council voted, using the ranked voting method, to appoint an at-large member. Molly Eldridge was selected based on the Council members' votes.

Haver moved and MacMillan seconded a motion to appoint the eight people to the Affordable Housing Task Force: Molly Eldridge, Jessica Wellborn, Jeremy Herzog, Crockett Farnell, Ian Billick, Kate Guibert, Kent Cowherd, and Beth Goldstone. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes," except for Magner, who had recused herself and did not vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2) Review Policy Options, Funding Mechanisms, and Draft Ballot Language for Taxing Non-primary Residences and Raising the Sales Tax for a Community Preservation Fund.

Staff Contact: Finance Director Rob Zillioux

Russ reviewed direction provided by the Council at the last meeting and the steps for the next meetings. Magner questioned whether there was an option for a bond, which Russ confirmed was included in the discussion for tonight. Russ presented an overview of the challenges. Within the Town of Crested Butte, jobs to households were out of balance, which challenged the economy and threatened the essence of the community. The last year the average worker could afford a place in Town was 2012. Russ reported on the root causes of the challenges, some of which were: growing demand for non-primary homes; it would not be possible to build the way out; and they needed to be bold to

preserve the community. A shift in how the housing stock was being used was required. It was not about the person; it was about non-primary residences as a land use. Russ referred to the Council's values. He outlined what Town was already doing to incentivize affordable housing, such as ADU incentives, ROAH fees and building requirements, and tap fee reductions. Russ reported on the objectives of shifting how the housing stock was used and fund raising for community preservation projects.

Zillioux reviewed new funding mechanism options. He identified the total Town sales tax was currently 4.5%. He broke down where the money went. Zillioux explained the impacts of potential rate increases. There was a 5% excise tax on short-term rentals, which funded about \$400K a year. The property tax mill levies were divided between streets and the general fund. MacDonald recalled the question to the voters was specifically that the funds would go to the street and alley fund. The next funding mechanism proposed was the Community Preservation Fee. Russ informed the Council that the only mechanism that could affect the market and change the direction of the housing stock would be the Community Preservation Tax. Russ wanted the Council to think of property taxes and the effects on businesses. Magner asked how the Community Preservation Fee would return the existing housing stock back into the local market. Russ anticipated houses within the housing stock would become available, and the Community Preservation Fee would have the ability to influence the market.

Zillioux brought up the discussion of bonding. He explained a bond was a loan, and the Town would need collateral. The Town would have to be rated and go through an underwriting process. He identified a range of interest rates. Magner pointed out, that in Telluride, the rent collected on properties provided a revenue stream for bonding. Zillioux looked at three prominent non-profits and their fundraising. Russ described donations as a supplemental funding source. Zillioux identified 308 3rd Street as a funding mechanism and that selling the property would be a quick way to make money.

Russ reported on requirements for the ballot language. It would be necessary to describe where the money would go. He asked the Council to discuss and eventually provide direction regarding the subject of the tax; the amount of the tax; and where the money would go. Zillioux provided figures for how much an annual flat tax would raise at the \$5,000, \$7,500, and \$10,000 levels, based on purchase dates of 2000 and forward and 2012 and forward, and all houses, regardless of the year purchased. Russ outlined Telluride's affordable housing program's revenue sources. Magner asked how much burden an increase of one mill would be. Zillioux calculated that one mill would be \$150,000 divided by the number of houses. Commercial properties would bear a bigger burden. Russ acknowledged there was one community with a Community Preservation Tax (Vancouver), and they were seeing a significant shift. The same questions needed to be applied to a sales tax. MacDonald identified a sunset would not work well with issuing debt.

Schmidt opened the meeting to public comment.

Robert Johnson - 821 Elk Avenue

- Second homeowners would support and rally around a solid, defined affordable housing plan.
- Second homeowners wanted to be a part of the solution.
- He suggested they appoint second homeowners to the Council as ex officio members.
- Crested Butte should take the opportunity to be a leader for a solution.
- Second homeowners were your neighbors.

Bob Kauffman - 15 7th Street

- He believed in affordable housing.
- It was not just a Town issue; it was a county and national issue.
- He predicted second homeowners would cut back on charitable contributions if the tax passed.
- He found it objectionable to pass a tax without the ability to vote.
- He questioned whether it was legal to tax second homeowners and not the whole community.

Molly Eldridge - 122 Riverbend Drive

- She had questions regarding the presentation.
- She asked what percentage of housing Vancouver added.
- She felt like the three non-profits were tough comparisons.

Jim Day - 427 Maroon Avenue

- He addressed the fact that all second homeowners wanted to do everything they could to get locals affordable housing.
- They wanted to see primary members of the community pitch in.
- Most second homeowners felt they were a part of the community.
- He felt excluded by primary people that lived in the community.
- He found it difficult to plan on \$10K a year for the next ten years.

Alex Gruzen - 430 Butte Avenue

- Non-resident homeowners contributed to major events in Town that everyone enjoyed.
- There was tone that entered the conversation that reminded him of the French Revolution.
- It was important to develop a campaign around the ballot question.
- They needed to be specific, fair, and reasonable across the population and pursue all sources.
- The campaign had to be defensible.

Ben Wright - 22 Cinnamon Mountain Road

- He echoed what Eldridge said about Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority not reaching out to second homeowners (regarding fundraising).
- He knew there were second homeowners that were concerned.
- They could make fundraising a yearly thing.

- He thought they needed to reach out to the community and ask for help.
- He was concerned about the legality of taxation without representation.

Jessica Wellborn

- She wanted to see fundraising.
- She recalled there was a mill levy on the ballot for affordable housing that was voted down.
- They could try other sources first.

Cole Thomas - 628 Teocalli Avenue

- He had no idea what was going on before he started attending meetings.
- He thought people would vote "no" if they saw a property tax increase on their ballots.
- He recognized there were more second homeowners in attendance at the meeting. He thought they could all work on a solution together.
- Ultimately, their business (Butte Bagels) would not succeed if they did not have people that worked there.
- They knew they wanted a revenue stream every year.
- He thought they should talk about what worked.
- He loved the idea of appointing a second homeowner to represent (on the Council), and he hoped to see the second homeowners at the work session.

Haden Spencer - 109 3rd Street

- After the last meeting, she left feeling really heard. She also left the meeting feeling that other people heard stories that were important.
- Their biggest concern was the lack of effort to gain feedback from second homeowners.
- She referred to surveys on which she and her husband received 40 responses.
- There was a huge need for dialogue and finding solutions together.
- With a reasonable fee, with a tax shared by everyone, and feeling of community, people would continue to support non-profits and would want to get involved.

Brennan Reilly

- He thought the Spencers had done a lot of great work.
- He heard clearly the goal on assessing a fee to part-time residents was to force the owners of lower priced homes to sell.
- He thought the quotation from the Vancouver mayor was on point.

John Spencer - 109 3rd Street

- They conducted the survey to provide real data.
- He was in favor of some sort of fee for second homeowners.
- They could solve the problem with a broad approach as a community.

Adam Maestle - Formerly 817 Red Lady and currently car camping

- He felt like raising the cost of living seemed counterproductive.

- He echoed they could not build their way out in the regulatory environment that created the problem in the first place.
- He suggested that a second homeowner could rent out bedrooms to avoid the tax.

Beth Goldstone - 915 Teocalli Avenue

- She lived in affordable housing and worked for the school district.
- She felt like when a person listened to the numbers in the presentation, it brought a person along.
- She hoped the Community Preservation Tax could be marketed to not sound divisive.
- She appreciated the tax would be a solution to the problem.

Gil Friedlander

- He agreed with what the second homeowners said tonight.
- He was concerned it would be discretionary what the funds could be used for.
- He was interested in helping with affordable housing, but he wanted a plan.
- The use of the funds was disturbing to him.

Lindsey Freeburn - 506 5th Street

- They needed dependable funding for housing to keep people here.
- She was wondering whether they could get guidelines, such as how they could structure it, because TABOR was rigid.
- She thought collaboration was great.
- The InDEED program sounded amazing.
- She recommended an annual fundraising goal.

Cass Rea - Lives on the mountain and works in Town

- They started a community action group non-profit.
- He saw both sides.
- They were prepared to team up and could not hedge their bets.
- He hated the divisiveness going around.

Bruce Driver

- They adored this place and spent the warm months here; however, they did not come out in the winter anymore.
- They had bad experiences with renters.
- They wanted to make a substantial donation to an affordable housing non-profit.
- He did not like the notion of being subjected to a tax on which he could not vote.
- They did not like the flat fee. A flat fee was unfair and may drive people out of town. A hike in property taxes would be fairer.

Kyleena Falzone

- She was doing work and meeting with investors. She made huge headway, and they were close to a possible short-term solution.
- Taxing would be difficult.

- Eleven restaurants were closed on Elk Avenue, two Tuesdays ago.
- She cautioned to be careful with the tax.
- She was also working on a housing non-profit.
- People wanted to know whether the Town could help with certain things.

Cole Thomas - 628 Teocalli Avenue

- He stated Town was operating way beyond the carrying capacity.
- Decrease the number of short-term rental licenses, and homeowners would rent out to someone.
- He would love to see a limit on the short-term rental licenses as a short-term solution.

Martha Keene - 421 Whiterock

- As they kept having the conversations, she too was nervous the tax could create divisiveness.
- She asked that social media platforms continued to spread awareness. There were still people not aware of what was happening.
- They needed more education.
- They had to continue to be creative about how they got the word out.
- Keep the conversation going.

Kyle Anderson - 506 5th Street

- He thought it was important to remember that dollars of workers and full-time community members spent just as well as second homeowners' dollars.
- A lot of people in the community were just trying to find a home and not even considering the home as an investment.

MacDonald explained that Staff was hoping for initial feedback on questions to pursue further or if there were gaps in information that would be needed for the next work session. The ballot language for ballot questions would need to be decided upon on August 16th. She outlined a timeline related to a ballot question or ballot questions. There was discussion on ballot language. Ballot language could not get into implementation detail. Schmidt asked what the definition of a reasonable fee or tax would be. Haden Spencer did not feel that the \$5,000 mark was reasonable. She thought there would be buy-in around the \$2,500 mark.

Merrill wanted people to work together rather than against each other. Whelan thought the Spencers had done a good job of outreach, and the Council was lucky to get the data. Dujardin voiced his appreciation for the Spencers, and he noted that half of their survey answers supported a fee. To see the support was really encouraging, and he thought they were finding the right number. MacMillan was in favor of having fewer exemptions, and he liked Haden Spencer's idea of second homeowners applying for exemptions. MacMillan also supported John Spencer's idea of leveraging money. Magner thanked the Spencers. She recognized that leveraging money would be the most effective way and making use of money was the best way to spend it for the public. Magner struggled with the sales tax. The people living here full-time would bear the burden. Merrill

voiced excitement about the upcoming work session, and she hoped for more talking. Haver was not sure how a \$10K a year manipulation of the market without a solid study would sit with him. It would back the owners of smaller homes into a situation. He thought the scope needed to be limited. Haver was supportive of the sales tax. He thought the big thing was to raise funds collaboratively as a community. Whelan wanted to see the fee be reasonable and also be enough to be impactful. She acknowledged that it sounded like there was less concern about exemptions with the lower fee. Whelan thought it would be great to have a short presentation on TABOR, and there were exemptions the Council wanted to see that might not be legal. Schmidt agreed with Haver on sales tax. They could exempt groceries. He thought it was an equitable tax and a solid funding source. Schmidt did not think the dark house tax was fair. Second homeowners would be pushed out of Town. There were second homeowners that felt unwelcomed. Schmidt was concerned about the goal of driving down housing prices, and they needed to know what the money would be paying for. Dujardin supported the collaborative nature of having the sales tax on the ballot, as well, and that having it go to the affordable housing fund only would be crucial. He hoped they could find the bonding capacity, on at least the sales tax. MacMillan recognized sales tax would be a challenge to businesses. They were trying to balance a reasonable tax without creating a divide. They also did not want to end up in litigation. MacMillan felt a sunset was important. Magner was struggling with Staff's assertion that the housing stock would be returning to locals. She did not understand how the housing stock would be returned to the local market. Schmidt agreed with Magner. Dujardin acknowledged there was also the fact that by putting someone in the house, the homeowner would not pay the tax.

3) Discussion on Council Compensation.

Staff Contact: Finance Director Rob Zillioux

Zillioux reminded that Council directed Staff to look into Council compensation and benefits. He researched other CAST resort communities, and he provided numbers on their levels of compensation. Crested Butte was slightly below average. The last two compensation adjustments were made in 2017 and 2019. Six communities provided some sort of benefits. Gunnison offered benefits to Council members, but Council members paid 100% of premiums. Medical and dental benefits would cost \$800 to \$900 per person per month. Schmidt thought the benefits should be considered. Dujardin stated higher pay would help with the commitment to the hours required. He did not like being below average compared to other CAST communities. He was inclined to support a \$300 raise per month. Dujardin thought a stipend should be considered, as well. MacMillan identified unintended consequences of offering the health plan, such as not being able to enter the exchange. A higher compensation through salary made sense to him. Dujardin asked regarding the annual population ratio. Zillioux explained it was an analytical tool. Magner thought it was important that they encouraged people who worked full-time to be on the Council. They were public servants. The hours and the money she was paid had nothing to do with the income she would make while she was not working on the Council. A certain increase would be fine, but to try to use Town funds to pay a wage just could not happen. Whelan thought bumping up the pay would be helpful in attracting people who would otherwise be under represented. Schmidt

proposed a \$200 per Council person per month increase and a \$300 increase per month for the Mayor's salary. Cowherd agreed they should search for more fair compensation for full-time work. He hoped for an impactful increase for the full-time work that was required and for a greater increase than what was mentioned. Dujardin said they had to be thinking of how much time it took. Schmidt recommended the Council move forward with the increase he proposed, and they could discuss at the next meeting.

Merrill left the meeting on Zoom, and she did not vote on any additional motions.

4) Ordinance No. 14, Series 2021 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Approving the Lease of 19 Teocalli Ave (A Town Owned Building) to Hannah Valian.

Staff Contact: Finance Director Rob Zillioux

Schmidt read the title of the ordinance. He corrected the address in the title to 19 9th Street.

Whelan moved and Dujardin seconded a motion to set Ordinance No. 14, Series 2021 to public hearing on August 16th. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

5) Ordinance No. 15, Series 2021 - An Ordinance of the Crested Butte Town Council Authorizing the Town to Enter into a Telecommunications Facilities Space Lease Agreement with Visionary Communications, Inc. for Internet Service at Town Owned Properties Located at 801 Butte Avenue, 508 Maroon Avenue, and 601 Elk Avenue in Crested Butte, Colorado.

Staff Contact: Finance Director Rob Zillioux

Schmidt read the title of the ordinance. He asked about the locations. Zillioux explained the deal was the same deal as what the Town had with Internet Colorado, but Town would be getting 100 MBs rather than 50 MBs.

Dujardin moved and Haver seconded a motion to set Ordinance No. 15, Series 2021 to public hearing at the August 16th Town Council meeting. A roll call vote was taken with all voting, "Yes." **Motion passed unanimously.**

Macy Ramsey, from Visionary Communications Inc., introduced herself. They were excited to wrap up loose ends and about the acquisition.

COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jasmine Whelan

- There was a Mountain Express meeting. She did not make it, so she deferred to MacMillan to report.

Jason MacMillan

- Mountain Express discussed a five-year plan in Executive Session.

Will Dujardin

- He apologized to Magner, the Council, and the public for comments he made two meetings ago. He reviewed the reasons there was no conflict of interest for Magner.
- Dujardin planned to step down from the Council after the August 16th meeting. He wanted the public to know regarding spots on the ballot.

Mallika Magner

- She asked, on behalf of the BLMCC, about an update on the revision of the Marshal's Office SOPs to reflect the Council's decision made in June. She asked for a progress report. MacDonald would circulate the updated SOPs.

Jason MacMillan

- He further reported on Mountain Express.
 - From the manager's report, the summer of 2021 was down compared to 2019.
 - Mountain Express would hold the contract for Topsy Taxi that would go into operation. The cost would be \$10 a passenger, and the service would run from 10PM to 3AM. MacMillan listed days of operation and weeks of non-operation.
 - Dujardin wondered when bids would open for artists to paint the new bus. MacMillan informed the Council that the bus was still under warranty, and he was not sure when the bidding would open.
- He thanked the Staff.

Jim Schmidt

- He was on Zoom for the school planning session.
- The Council had a joint work session with the County Commissioners regarding Mt. Emmons.
- He attended the Region 10 board meeting.
 - The hospital did not get a grant for high-speed communication between Gunnison, Crested Butte, and Mt. Crested Butte.
- He met with a gentleman this past Sunday who lived here, went to Western, and moved on to Denver, who was involved in public and private sector funding. Schmidt directed him to talk to MacDonald and Russ.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Whelan asked whether the Council would consider signing a letter of support for the County's land use regulation and whether the letter could be on the next agenda. Dujardin affirmed his support. MacDonald would include a letter on the next Consent Agenda.

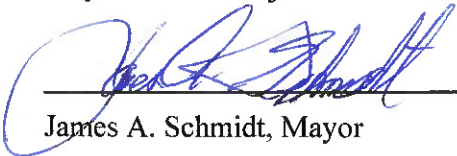
**DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING FUTURE WORK SESSION TOPICS AND
COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

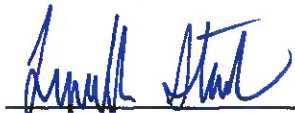
- Tuesday, August 10, 2021 - 6:00PM Ballot Language Work Session
- Monday, August 16, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council
- Monday, September 20, 2021 - 6:00PM Work Session - 7:00PM Regular Council

Schmidt mentioned the next meeting would be a work session at 6PM next Tuesday, August 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:49PM.


James A. Schmidt, Mayor


Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk (SEAL)

